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In re application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2611

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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS CONNECTED TO HOME TV SET IN
USE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2002, the period for response being extended by the attached one-month Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the remarks which follow.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 16, 2002 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. In view of the following discussion consideration of claims 1-8 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objected to the drawing for failing to show features a6212 and 6214 as described in the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that that these features are illustrated in the figures. Specifically, these two features are illustrated in Figure 14. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kikuchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,227,973). The Office Action takes the position that Kikuchi teaches all of the limitations of claims 1-4, 7 and 8. Applicants however respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 7 and 8 recite subject matter that is neither taught nor suggested by